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CINCPAC FOR POLAD

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1. REF A IS AN EDITORIAL IN THE MARCH 1 EDITION OF THE "BANGKOK POST" ENTITLED "CAN WE BE THE NEXT DOMINO TO FALL?". THE WRITER URGES A STUDY OF THE CAMBODIAN SITUATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE KHMER COMMUNISTS ARE PURELY NATIONALISTIC OR WHETHER NORTH VIETNAM DIRECTS AND CONTROLS THEM. IF THE LATTER IS THE CASE, THE WRITER URGES GOVERNMENT AND POPULAR RESISTANCE TO DEMANDS FOR PRECIPITATE AMERICAN WITHDRAWALS FROM THAILAND.

2. THE SAME EDITION CARRIES FRONT PAGE STATEMENTS BY RTA COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF KRIT SIWARA, OPPOSING DEMANDS FOR AMERICAN WITHDRAWAL IN VIEW OF THE CAMBODIAN SITUATION; AND BY UNCLASSIFIED

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FOREIGN MINISTER PHICHL RATTAKUN, ENDORSING AMBASSADOR

ANAN'S PLEA FOR U.S. CONGRESSIONAL PASSAGE OF FUNDS FOR
CAMBODIA (REF B).

3. THE LEFT-WING VERNACULAR PRESS TAKES A PREDICTABLY
DIFFERENT TACK. A "THAI RATH" EDITORIAL OF FEBRUARY 28
STATES THAT CONGRESSIONAL FAILURE TO SUPPORT CAMBODIA PROVES
THAT THAILAND CANNOT COUNT ON AMERICAN HELP IN TIME OF
TROUBLE. "SIANG MAI" AND "PRACHATIPITAI" EDITORIALS OF THE
SAME DATE TAKE THE LINE THAT THE RIFTS BETWEEN GOVERN-
MENTS AND THEIR PEOPLE RESULT FROM FOLLOWING AMERICAN POLICY.
IT URGES THE RTG NOT TO RELY ON THE UNITED STATES.

4. COMMENT: THE THAI CONTINUE TO VOCALIZE THEIR DEEP
CONCERN OVER THE FATE OF CAMBODIA.

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